WISCAT
Advanced Searching

Use **Advanced Search** to locate materials by Author, Title, Subject, Notes, or all four based on the *keywords* you enter

One or more keywords may be typed in any order because WISCAT looks for items containing ***all*** of the **keywords**

Type your keyword(s) in the **Search For** box Enter at least *one* keyword in the ***top*** box or WISCAT will not look in the others

Multiple keywords may be entered in all three boxes

Search *in* **All Headings** (Title, Author, Subject, and Notes) **or** select an option on the menu

Choose how search results are **Sorted**:

Subsets of **All Libraries** in WISCAT *may* be available on the **Scoping in** menu

Use **Qualifiers** to narrow or limit your search

Year of Publication
Date qualification is by year only. You may enter a date qualiers as noted below:
1975
1975 to 1977
1975 – 1977
1975, 1977, 1979,1988
1975 1977 1979 1988
197? Any book in the 1970's
19?? Any book in the 20th Century
>=1975 Greater than or equal to
<=1975 Less than or equal to

Enter a year or range of years, as shown above, into the **Year of Pub** text box

Select one or more **Qualifiers** by clicking in boxes

Language
☐ Afrikaans
☐ Afroasiatic (Other)
☐ Akan
☐ Akkadian
☐ Albanian
☐ Algonquian (Other)
☐ Arabic
☐ Aramaic
☐ Armenian

Form
☐ Braille
☐ Electronic
☐ Large Print
☐ Microform

Media
☐ Archival Mixed Materials
☐ Books
☐ Computer Files
☐ Maps
☐ Music
☐ Music Scores
☐ Non-musical Sound Recordings
☐ Serials
☐ Visual Materials

Misc.
☐ Full Text (URL)
☐ Government Publications
☐ Theses

Click on **Search** to submit your search terms or press Enter on the keyboard

And, Or, Not (Boolean Operators)

Create "search queries" in ADVANCED SEARCH by using the logical (Boolean) operators:
AND, OR , NOT

AND retrieves all occurrences of 1st Term AND 2nd Term
For example, to locate materials about dreams written by Sigmund Freud, enter
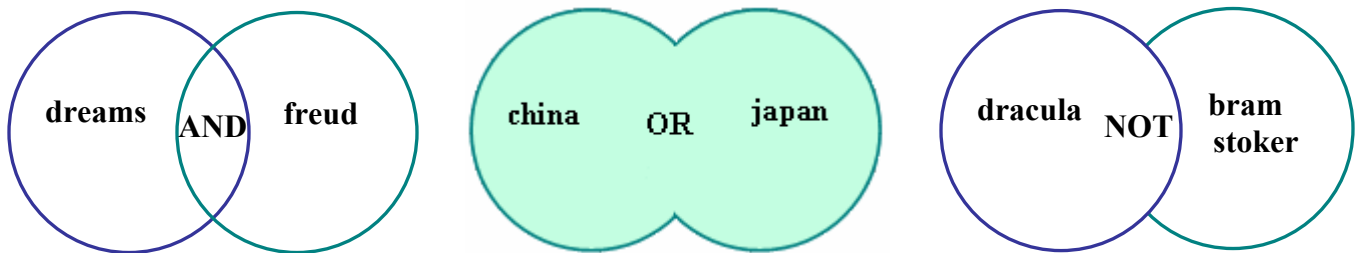<Subject> dreams - AND - <Author> freud

OR retrieves all occurrences of 1st Term OR 2nd Term
For example, to locate materials about China or Japan, enter
<Subject> china - OR - <Subject> japan

NOT excludes a term from a search of 1st Term NOT 2nd Term
For example, to locate books with Dracula in the title, but not written by Bram Stoker, enter
<Title> dracula - NOT- <Author> bram stoker

Boolean operators are often illustrated using Venn diagrams as follow:

dreams **AND** freud   china **OR** japan   dracula **NOT** bram stoker

Wildcards (Truncation)

Wildcard characters "**?**" and "*****" may be used to *broaden* the scope of a search

Use the "**?**" wildcard to replace a *single* character in a word
For example, the search term "gr?y" returns records containing the words:
gray or grey

Use the "**?**" wildcard more than once in a single word
For example, the search term "st??n" returns records containing the words:
stien or stein

Use the "*****" wildcard to replace *multiple* characters in a word
For example, the search term "comput*" will return records containing the words:
compute, computer, computers or computing

Wildcard characters may be used in any or all words in your search term but may *not* be used
as the *first character* in any word